The Power of Education

Global Campaign for Education - US Update
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Please act today!
On the Hill:

Appropriations advocacy season is at its peak. The President released his budget on March 11, which proposes a 62% cut for global basic education. GCE-US and its partners are working hard to ensure that Congress fills the gap in its final appropriations bill to defend against cuts. On March 6, GCE-US testified on the Hill asking for the international basic education budget to be fully funded, advocating for $925 million, including $800 million for bilateral basic education programs at USAID and $125 million for the Global Partnership for Education. In addition we are advocating for at least $21 million for Education Cannot Wait.

>> More information on the hearing

FY20 Appropriations Letters

- We just confirmed that a groundbreaking 127 Members of Congress signed in support of the FY20 "Dear Colleague" letter for international basic education funding. We collectively reached out to 220 congressional offices to achieve this, and a similar process is now underway in the Senate. GCE-US is also leading the community and organizational letter advocating for international basic education funding in FY20.

- To sign the community letter, please submit your organization's information by April 4 here. Please help spread the word and send this to your networks and partners. A strong, united voice is key to stave off possible U.S. government budget cuts to bilateral USAID education funding, Global Partnership for Education, and Education Cannot Wait.

What's Happening at GCE-US?
On March 27 the GCE-US Inclusive Education Community of Practice met with Joshua Josa, leader of the USAID Disability Inclusive Education Portfolio. We were briefed about recent engagement with the World Bank and Global Partnership for Education, and where they stand on inclusive education commitments.

UNICEF USA Summit

GCE-US facilitated a workshop on inclusive education advocacy during UNICEF USA’s Annual Summit with hundreds of advocates for children. Students and advocates from across the country created action plans to contact their policymakers to take action in support of Education Cannot Wait.

Education and Women’s Empowerment

During the 63rd session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) GCE-US presented on Women’s Empowerment Through a Holistic Approach to Education with Graduate Women International.

Global Citizen hosted an event focused on girls’ education and women’s economic empowerment as a part of their #ShesEqual campaign. Learn more and take action here.
The GCE Regional Conference for North America and Europe Coalitions and International Organizations in Berlin

GCE-US Executive Director Jennifer Rigg co-facilitated advocacy sessions to coordinate global education advocacy efforts and maximize our collective policy impact. The Global Campaign for Education (GCE) coalition in Berlin, Germany, hosted advocacy leaders from across Europe, North America, the GCE Secretariat, and international organizations around the globe.

Would you like to learn more about the GCE movement globally? The latest news from GCE Global and members around the world, including GCE-US, can be found here.

For Your Reading List

Report launches:

JRS/USA Policy Launch: Her Future: Challenges & Recommendations to Increase Education for Refugee Girls

UNICEF: Water Under Fire

Latest blogs & editorials:

5 Ways to Grow as an Education Diplomat and Lead for Girls’ Education by Yvette Murphy of Childhood Education International

5 Reasons Why Education Empowers Women and Girls by Isaac Bird of Impact Network
Great News!

Inclusive Education Event (seminar exploring the intersection between literacy and inclusive education in today’s changing world) Thu, April 4, 2-6pm, DAI Office: 7600 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814, co-sponsored by GCE-US and BEC

World Bank Civil Society Policy Forum Sessions, Thu, April 11, 1:30-5pm, 1850 I Street NW, Room I2-250 (2nd floor):
- Light for the World, Open Society Foundations, the Bank Information Center, and GCE-US: The Importance of Investing in Disability Inclusive Early Childhood Development – Let’s discuss ways to make inclusive ECD a reality and leave no one behind! April 11, 1:30-3pm, 1850 I Street NW, Room I2-250
- Oxfam, RESULTS, GCE, Initiative for Social and Economic Rights (ISER), ActionAid, Global Initiative for Economic Social and Cultural Rights (GIESCR), and the Right to Education Initiative: Private Provision of Education through PPPs: Rights, Equity and the Role of the World Bank and GPE, April 11, 3:30-5pm, 1850 I Street NW, Room I2-250

ChildFund International and GCE-US Event on Preventing School-Based Violence Thu, April 25, 2pm. RSVP here. 1201 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036, Room A

Global Action Week for Education: “Our Education, Our Rights” April 24th – May 1st
- Please share with the Student and Teacher Activity Guide with your networks today!

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